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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1656**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 9 July 2008, time for response to which set to expire 9 October 2008. The pending claims, claims 1-5 and 7, 10-13 and 31 were rejected and the rejection was made final. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing of the final rejection and thus, expedited procedure is requested.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following discussion is offered in response. Amendment is only to correct the informality in claim 7 noted by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.